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Report Highlights:

Burma exported 88,772 metric tons of beans and pulses in April, 2003, with the majority (89 percent) going again to India. April's exports were down 20 percent compared to the previous year.

Includes PSD changes: No
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TRADE

During April, 2003, Burma exported 88,772 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses with no exports of beans and pulses via border trade. In April, Black Matpe comprised 34 percent, Mung beans 22 percent, and Toor Whole (pigeon pea) 20 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 89 percent of the total exports. There was a decrease of 20 percent in April exports compared to the same month of the previous year.

Bangladesh - a total of 297 mt of beans and pulses exported:
297 mt of Black Matpe

Belgium - a total of 22 mt of beans and pulses exported:
22 mt of Kidney beans

Egypt - a total of 462 mt of beans and pulses exported:
462 mt of Black eye beans

Hong Kong - a total of 66 mt of beans and pulses exported:
66 mt of Mung beans

India - a total of 79,168 mt of beans and pulses exported:
26,069 mt of Black Matpe
9,466 mt of Chick peas
1,844 mt of Kidney beans
18,498 mt of Mung beans
17,672 mt of Toor whole
3,501 mt of Black eye beans
214 mt of Bamboo beans
414 mt of Brown beans
1,490 mt of Various beans

Italy - a total of 461 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:
461 mt of Small white beans

Japan - a total of 1,736 mt of beans and pulses exported:
493 mt of Black Matpe
180 mt of Bamboo beans
1,043 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
20 mt of Bocate beans

Korea - a total of 307 mt of beans and pulses exported:
40 mt of Black Eye beans
201 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
20 mt of Red Kidney beans
46 mt of White beans

Malaysia - a total of 224 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 89 mt of Black Matpe
- 20 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
- 115 mt of Chick peas

Netherlands - a total of 110 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 110 mt of Mung beans

Pakistan - a total of 3,364 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 115 mt of Bamboo beans
- 2,855 mt of Black Matpe
- 63 mt of Black eye beans
- 331 mt of Kidney beans

Phillippines - a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 34 mt of Bamboo beans
- 12 mt of Kidney beans

Portugal - a total of 220 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 220 mt of Black eye beans

Singapore - a total of 494 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 66 mt of Butter beans(Lima beans)
- 189 mt of Chick peas
- 195 mt of Black Matpe
- 44 mt of Bamboo beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 476 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 230 mt of Black Matpe
- 23 mt of Chick peas.
- 223 mt of Soya beans

UAE - a total of 274 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 44 mt of Black Eye beans
- 230 mt of Black Matpe

United Kingdom - a total of 1,001 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:

- 8 mt of Black Matpe
- 979 mt of Mung beans
- 4 mt of Toorwhole

Yemen - a total of 44 metric tons of beans and pulses exported:

- 44 mt of Brown beans

Beans and Pulses Exports(mt)	2002	2003
January	56,238	43,885
February	71,161	65,471
March	89,864	70,011
April	110,323	88,772
May	127,052	
June	87,163	
July	102,306	
August	80,651	
September	94,296	
October	81,810	
November	49,477	
December	27,193	
TOTAL	977,534	268,139
Others*	----	----
GRAND TOTAL	977,534	268,139

**=export shipments not covered elsewhere*

Prices

Export prices set for beans and prices by Price Appraisal Committee that met on April, 2003 are:

FAQ = Fair Average Quality

SQ = Standard Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$195

Matpe (SQ) US\$230

Mung beans (Pedesein) (FAQ) US\$300

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$270

Toor whole (Pesingon) (FAQ) US\$250

Domestic market situation.

Beans and Pulses price's remains depressed due to a weak demand for export. Most of the sales are made on credit with few sales made on cash down payment. Though it was speculated that the prices for Matpe, Mung bean and Toor whole will firm, prices remains depressed in the domestic market. Beans and pulses have become popular among farmers in recent years because of quick returns and a shorter cultivation period compared to other cash crops. However, farmers have been affected by a weak domestic market for the crop. Market sources in Mandalay said that the prices of major beans and pulses varieties have fallen by about 40 percent in three months since the start of the year 2003. It could be summarized that beans and pulses market have been greatly affected by the banking crisis.

End of Report.